



**Subject:** *Sustainable Services Growth Fund*  
**To:** Corporate and Residential Services Committee  
**Date Prepared:** July 12, 2023  
**Related Motions:** N/A  
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### Summary

The Municipality of East Hants received a letter from the NS Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated March 31, 2023 indicating the Province of Nova Scotia approved a grant of \$1,123,778 to support infrastructure investment under the new Sustainable Services Growth Fund.

### Financial Impact Statement

This grant was recorded as a capital reserve (C015) at the end of 2022/2023 fiscal year.

### Recommendation

The recommended allocation of these funds is stated in the table below.

### Recommended Motion

*Move that Corporate and Residential Services Committee recommend that Council approve the use and allocation of the \$1,123,778 SSGF Grant toward the follow projects as follows:*

Project	\$ Amount
Industrial Park Lift Station	\$821,910
Waste Management Loader	\$149,000
Waste Management Centre Household Waste Receiving Expansion	\$15,000
Lantz Secondary Planning Strategy	\$130,000
Waste Management Centre Green Bin Storage Structure	\$11,000
Shubenacadie Parking Capacity Project	\$50,000

### Background

This grant is new funding. As it was not in existence at the time of the 22/23 or 23/24 budget process, it was not included in either budget. It is not known if the Province of NS will provide this type of funding in future years. For now, it should be considered one time funding.

The Terms and Conditions document that accompanied the letter were very clear that these funds were to be used for:

1. Projects that would be completed by March 31, 2025 (shovel ready).
2. Projects that support infrastructure/growth.

The CAO and Directors met on July 4, 2023 to discuss the projects these funds could be used for. The recommended projects (in prioritized order) are as follows:

Project	\$ Amount	Original Budget Area 23/24
Industrial Park Lift Station	\$821,910	Originally Special Reserves, then funded via a Temporary Borrowing Resolution
Waste Management Loader	\$149,000	Capital - Waste Management Reserve G044
Waste Management Centre Household Waste Receiving Expansion	\$15,000	Capital - Waste Management Reserve G044
Lantz Secondary Planning Strategy	\$130,000	Operating - \$60,000 via Planning Growth Management Reserve G011, and \$70,000 via Professional Services Fee Reserve G007
Waste Management Centre Green Bin Storage Structure	\$11,000	Capital - Waste Management Reserve G044
Shubenacadie Parking Capacity Project	\$50,000	Operating - Professional Services Reserve G007
Total	\$1,176,910	

These amount total slightly more than the grant amount - to allow for variances in the final costs.

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## FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Terms and conditions of the funding must be adhered to avoid unintended financial consequences.

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## Alternatives

Council may advise staff to use these funds for projects other than those recommended.

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## Attachments

March 31, 2023 letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

SSGF Agreement Form (Terms and Conditions) - signed by the CAO